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1. On 26 June 1953, it was decided at a Karlshorst conference on Russian food relief action for East Germany that, in July, Russia would deliver 14,000 tons of butter, 8,000 tons of lard, and 10,000 tons of vegetable oil to East Germany. Berlin, Leipzig, and Dresden have been designated to serve as the unloading stations. It proved difficult to make available the necessary refrigerator cars because the German stock of 846 RR cars is insufficient. Rented cars (Mietwagen) from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Italy, The Netherlands, and Austria are being requisitioned for this purpose. At present, the action apparently is planned for three months.
2. Compared with the previous monthly average of 100 to 150 cars, the number of loaded refrigerator cars crossing the Oder/Neisse line in July 1953 amounted to 1256. ¹
3. In July 1953, the number of incoming grain shipments from Russia was 6,095 cars, as compared with a previous average of 3,500 cars.

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